



John Richard Harris

June 13, 1952 - September 17, 2025

John Harris, 73, of Edina, Minnesota, died on September 17, 2025 at Methodist Hospital due to a recurrence of a rare form of Leukemia that affects bone marrow and blood.

He was born on June 13, 1952 to Bob and Phyllis Harris in Minneapolis, Minnesota and raised in Roseau, Minnesota.

John attended the University of Minnesota where he played golf and hockey. The 1973-74 hockey team won the NCAA Championship and in the spring of 1974, John went on to win the individual championship at the Big Ten golf meet.

He married Jenifer on December 13, 1975 and they had two children, Chris and Katie.

John had a successful amateur golf career, highlighted by winning the 1993 US Amateur. He played on four Walker Cup teams (1993, 1995, 1997, and 2001). John capped off a successful professional golf career with a victory at the 2006 Commerce Bank Championship.

John also worked a career in the insurance industry where he co-founded the Harris-Homeyer Company.

John is survived by Jenifer, Chris (Gabbie), Katie (Ernie); seven grandchildren (Ryder, Hattie, Porter, Francesca, Oscar, Luke, and Nicole). Parents Bob and Phyllis, and siblings Rob, Mark, Scott, and Nancy.

Funeral service will be held on Monday, October 6th at 12PM with visitation one hour prior, all at Mount Olivet Lutheran Church, 5025 Knox Ave S., Minneapolis. In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred to Southside Family Nurturing Center (ssfnc.org) or The Reel Hope Project (thereelhopeproject.org)

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 6. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Mount Olivet Lutheran Church (So. Mpls)
5025 Knox Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55419

Memorial Service

OCT 6. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Family, Friends, and Various Loved Ones who mourn the passing of John Harris. While being at relational and geographical distance, I wanted to send my condolences to all within the orbit of this highly-esteemed Minnesota champion. With a limited knowledge of John, I vividly remember following him for his entire round when he played the Senior(Champions) PGA Tour event one year at Egypt Valley Country Club at Grand Rapids, MI. Being a native Minnesotan and aware of the prominence of the "Harris" name in assorted sports competitions played within Minnesota, at the national level, and in select international events, I was hopeful and very enthusiastic for the success of John Harris, especially in the realm of golf, which was most familiar to me. On the particular day in mind, I talked briefly with John after he walked from the 18th green to the clubhouse. His exceedingly kind manner and sincerity immediately caught my attention and regard. I had quickly mentioned that I knew Bill Homeyer from years before at "the U." After 2 rounds of play in the 54-hole tourney, John was 4-5 shots behind the leaders, but I was honored to shake his hand and emphatically declared, "You are a US Amateur champion! Shoot 61 and win this thing!" He did not win the next day, but he did a few years later. His sterling links career would undoubtedly have seen him generate even more wins had he not played in the era of the renown Jay Sigel. This is being written in early 2026, several months after John died. This comes to pass on my end as I have periodically googled John's name since that meeting years ago, with his death just coming to my attention. The picture that accompanies the obituary is wonderful, perfectly embodying the kindly goodwill, cheerfulness, and youthful happy smile that marked his life, just as Dick Blooston said so well in his 5 birdie/5 bogey comment. I trust each of you repose in abiding faith in the promises of God's Word and in Jesus Christ the Lord as you experience this sorrow. Deepest regards, Gordy Peterson

Gordy Peterson - January 03 at 09:04 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of John Richard Harris.

October 03, 2025 at 06:00 PM



“ Vivid Recollections was purchased for the family of John Richard Harris.



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“ The Cavner family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of John Richard Harris.



The Cavner family - September 30, 2025 at 02:29 PM



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September 29, 2025 at 03:10 PM